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Proceedings of Bethel Presbytery—Voted Against Articles of Agreement.

Rock Hill Record: Bethel Presbytery met on Tuesday morning in its regular semi-annual session at Ebenezer church. Retiring Moderator Rev. G. G. Mayes preached the opening sermon, after which Rev. E. E. Gillespie, of Yorkville, being nominated, was unanimously elected to that place. The balance of the day was taken up in the regular routine of business.

Wednesday morning's session was taken up in reading reports and examining Candidate R. R. Gillespie, of this city, for license to preach. His examination is said to have been fine. At 11:30 he preached his trial sermon, and after the same he was given permission to labor outside Bethel Presbytery during his summer vacation from the seminary.

Mr. W. J. Roach was received as a candidate for the ministry, under the care of Bethel Presbytery. Mr. Roach is now a student of Clemson College.

The afternoon session was taken up with the discussion of closer relationship to other Presbyterian and reform bodies in the United States.

At Wednesday night's session Rev. J. K. Coit preached from the text assigned to him previous to his ordination, the balance of the night service being taken up in the regular order of business.

This morning the discussion of closer relationship with other Presbyterian and reform bodies was again taken up and put to a vote. The vote stood 33 to 10 to decline to approve the articles of agreement.

Woman Charged with Death of Parents.

Chicago, Ill., April 25.—A warrant charging Mrs. Sladek with the murder of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mette, has been taken out. Mrs. Mette died several weeks ago and Frank Mette died on April 6.

A chemical analysis has been shown that Mrs. Mette was poisoned by arsenic, and it is believed that her husband's death was caused in the same manner.

There is no direct evidence against Mrs. Sladek, but she has been under suspicion since the death of her mother. Three brothers of Mrs. Sladek are now critically ill and it is believed by the police that she endeavored to poison them.

Killed in Hotel Dining Room

Doerun, Ga., April 26.—Brad Fussell shot and killed J. M. Thomas last night in the dining room of the hotel at Doerun. The difficulty was said to have been about some money Thomas owed Fussell. Fussell claims self-defence. No witnesses to the tragedy are found. Both parties are prominent.

To the Pastors and Clerks of Churches of the Moriah Association.

At the last meeting of our Union I was appointed by the Union to get a collection from each church to defray the expenses of Rev. R. J. Blackmon to the convention which will convene in Richmond 15th of May. He is to represent the association as a delegate.

We have heard from Beaver Creek, New Hope, Springs Hill and Taxahaw. Lancaster and Fork Hill say they will do their part.

We are anxious to hear from the other churches. We want to be able to report a contribution from each church at the next meeting of the Union in June. Just two more weeks. Let us hear from you, brethren.

W. L. Croxton.

Kershaw, S. C.

Hobson Makes Trip To Benefit Farmers.

Montgomery, Ala., April 25.—Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson is ready for his tour of his district, accompanied by a number of departmental experts, the objects being to give to the farmers of his territory all the information that can be had free from the government forces of the nation. There will be a large party and the subjects dealt with will be soils, good roads, forestry and education.

"It is now finally settled," writes Captain Hobson, "that four experts are to accompany me on my canvass, beginning the 6th of May. Dr. Bonsteel, of the bureau of soils; Sam C. Lancaster, of the good roads office; William L. Hall, an expert forester and an expert on cotton culture, whose name will be known in a day or two. A fifth expert from the postoffice department will join the party at Tuscaloosa, but will remain behind to map out the rural free delivery possibilities.

Three Young Women Killed.

Millville, N. J., April 25.—Three young women employed at T. Wheaton & Co.'s glass factory, at this city, were killed today by the collapse of a smoke-stack, which crashed through the room in which they were working.

The accident occurred during a wind-storm, which lasted but a few seconds.

Negro is Hanged For Murder of His Wife.

Washington, April 25.—William Burg, a negro, was hanged here Tuesday for the murder of his wife, Daisy Burg, in January, 1903. After the murder Burg attempted suicide, and then escaped from the hospital where he was sent under guard.

He was tried twice, feigning insanity during his second trial.

Teddy Refuses to Take Back what He Said About Moyer and Haywood.

Washington, D. C., April 25.—President Roosevelt has replied to the criticisms of his letter referring to Moyer and Haywood, the officials of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with being implicated in the murder of former Governor Stenenburg, of Idaho, as "undesirable citizens."

The reply is addressed to Chairman Jackson of the "Cook County Moyer-Haywood Conference, Chicago."

The President regrets that any body of men should so far forget their duty to their country as to by the formation of societies and other ways endeavor to influence justice or coerce a court or jury and say that they and not he are not trying to influence justice. He denies that he indicated any opinion as to their guilt of the Stenenburg murder, that it is a simple absurdity to suppose that because a man is on trial for his life he is free from criticism as to his manner of life.

The reply adds that the President may as well be accused of trying to influence the suits against Harriman, whose friends had also criticised him, but that Moyer and Haywood stand as the representatives of those who habitually appear guilty of incitement to or apology for bloodshed and violence.

The President declares that he is indifferent to any condemnation of himself for his criticisms of undesirable types of citizens, regardless of the power of either labor or capital.

Carnegie Gives \$1,000.00 to Richmond Home for Confederate Women.

Richmond, Va., April 26.—A check for \$1,000 was received in Richmond today from Andrew Carnegie for the Home for Needy Confederate Women here. No conditions are attached to the gift, which comes in a personal letter to Miss Mary Custis Lee, who is at the head of the home board of managers, and who met Mr. Carnegie in Florida last season. It is said to be the first contribution made by Mr. Carnegie or any of his associates to a Confederate institution.

Twelve-Year-Old Boy Shoots Sister to Death.

Buckhead, Ga., special in Atlanta Journal: Arthur Cochran, twelve-year-old son of Mr. William J. Cochran, accidentally shot and killed his little two-year-old sister, Myra, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock.

Arthur had been out hunting and upon his return home he was unbreeching his gun and it was accidentally discharged, the whole load going into the face of his little sister, who was lying on the bed.

Tillman Says Audience was Lacking in Nerve.

Northampton, Mass., April 25.—Just before the conclusion of his lecture in the Academy of Music last night, Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, asked for a show of hands from those who believed that the negro was not the equal of the white man. There was no response. He then asked for a similar vote from those who believed in the supremacy of the whites, and a few hands were raised.

Mr. Tillman concluded by attacking those present for their failure to respond to his request.

Church at Clinton Called Preacher 83 Years Old.

Union special in Greenville News: The call recently extended by the Second Presbyterian Church, of Clinton, S. C., to Rev. A. A. James, who July 26th, will be eighty-three years old, and who for fifty-six years has been a minister, dissipates the arguments of theorists that when a clergyman has preached for fifty years he has reached a "dead line," and his usefulness is at an end.

Catholic Priest Called Bryan a Blatherskite.

Lowell, Mass., April 25.—A sensation was created here yesterday by the action of Rev. Father Roberts, a Catholic priest, denouncing William Jennings Bryan as a blatherskite and urging all Catholics not to listen to Bryan's speeches. Father Roberts requested his hearers to attend his services rather than "waste time at the opera house listening to that blatherskite, an average man." The priest assured his audience that he would deliver an address that would do them some good and tell how to save souls as well. Mr. Bryan was heard by a big audience, however.

Sutton Suit Settled.

Fort Mill Times: The Times is informed that Mr. J. H. Sutton received from the Catawba Power Company a few days ago a check for \$1,887, payment in full in the case of A. E. Sutton against the power company. This was a suit for damage to the Sutton lands near the Catawba dam in the spring of 1901, it being claimed that obstructions placed in the river by the company had caused the waters to overflow and greatly damage the land. The case has been in court for four years.

Died in Kershaw.

Kershaw special in Thursday's State: Little Estell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Croxton of Chester, died at this place today at the home of Mrs. Croxton's father, Mr. A. R. Hough, where the family was visiting.

Corpse of Infant Thrown out of Train Window by Mistake.

Wilson, N. C., special in Charlotte Observer: Between Wilson and Tarboro a porter on the Coast Line train observed a package behind a stove. Picking same up and noticing the bad odor, the porter threw same out of the window without examination. A man on the country road picked up the package and on unwrapping it discovered a dead infant negro baby, presumably placed on the train at Wilmington.

Downpour of Rain Floods Alabama City.

Mobile, Ala., April 24.—Last night Mobile was deluged by torrents of rain, deluging trains and interrupting wires. The streets in many sections of the city are covered with water a foot or two deep. The children are unable to reach schools. The new union station is completely surrounded by water.

Singular Case of Hydrophobia.

Laurens special in The Columbia State: Mr. W. F. Cleveland, a young farmer of the Huntington section of the county, is in Atlanta at the Pasteur institute under treatment to prevent the possible development of rabies, he having been exposed to the disease by milking a cow whose calf died a few days ago exhibiting every symptom of hydrophobia. Today the cow went mad and of course the family and friends of Mr. Cleveland are much concerned about him.

New Manufactories to be Exempt from Taxation for Five Years.

The election held here last Tuesday to ratify ordinance exempting manufactories from taxation for five years from date of establishment resulted in favor of ratification by a vote of 49 to 9. The vote was light owing, probably, to the fact that it was generally understood that the sentiment of the town was in favor of the ordinance.

Mrs. S. P. Bailey, of Clinton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. Reece Williams.

—The Friday Afternoon Club met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. L. C. Payseur. The ideal hostess served elaborate refreshments at the conclusion of the literary exercises.

Messrs Willie and Marion Caskey, of Athens Ga., are on a visit to their parents in this county.

—The King's Daughters will meet at the residence of Mr. W. T. Williams next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Sam Barnett, of Rock Hill, is spending a few days here this week.